

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: NCMEC Report data 05

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900440.000

Medium: Text File

Publisher: Not applicable

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 25 November 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 25 November 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The text file is a transcript of a sexual conversation documenting a webcam feed where a man directs a woman to pose next to a young girl in underpants for his sexual gratification. The text file is intended for the titillation and arousal of those with a sexual interest in children. It promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The objectionable classification given to this text file interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications which promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The classification also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.